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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (new): A method for controlling imaging devices, the method comprising:

scanning a stack comprising a first sheet, at least one middle sheet, and a last sheet, wherein the at least one middle sheet is interposed between the first sheet and the last sheet, wherein the at least one middle sheet comprises a control sheet associated with the stack and the at least one middle sheet comprises a control sheet comprising a control image, and wherein the control image comprises at least one control instruction;

locating the control image on the at least one control sheet;

producing output based on the stack of sheets;

processing the at least one control instruction and using the at least one control instruction for processing the output.

Claim 17 (new): The method of claim 16 wherein the scanning step is a copying step.

Claim 18 (new): The method of claim 16 wherein the output is a result of an image acquisition task.

Claim 19 (new): The method of claim 16 wherein the output is a result of an image production task.

Claim 20 (new): The method of claim 16 wherein the producing step is performed after the processing step.

Claim 21 (new): The method of claim 16 wherein the producing step is performed before the processing step.

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Claim 22 (new): The method of claim 16 wherein the control image is in machine-readable format.

Claim 23 (new): The method of claim 16 wherein the control image is text.

Claim 24 (new): The method of claim 16 wherein the control image is numbers.

Claim 25 (new): The method of claim 16 wherein the at least one control instruction comprises operating instructions.

Claim 26 (new): The method of claim 16 wherein the method further comprises locating a second control sheet comprising a second control image, wherein the second control image comprises at least one control instruction, and the second control sheet is associated with the stack.

Claim 27 (new): A method for controlling imaging devices, the method comprising:
 scanning a stack comprising a plurality of sheets, wherein the plurality of sheets comprises two control sheets located at two different locations within the stack, wherein each control sheet comprises a control image comprising at least one control instruction and wherein each control sheet is associated with the stack;
 locating each of the control image on the two control sheets;
 producing output based on the stack;
 processing each of the control instruction from the control image and using at least one of the control instructions for processing the output.

Claim 28 (new): The method of claim 27 wherein the scanning step is a copying step.

Claim 29 (new): The method of claim 27 wherein the output is a result of an image acquisition task.

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Claim 30 (new): The method of claim 27 wherein the output is a result of an image production task.

Claim 31 (new): The method of claim 27 wherein the producing step is performed after the processing step.

Claim 32 (new): The method of claim 27 wherein the producing step is performed before the processing step.

Claim 33 (new): The method of claim 27 wherein at least one of the control images of the two control sheets is in machine-readable format.

Claim 34 (new): The method of claim 27 wherein at least one of the control images of the two control sheets is numbers.

Claim 35 (new): A method for controlling imaging devices, the method comprising:
scanning a stack comprising a plurality of sheets, wherein the plurality of sheets comprises at least one control sheet associated with the stack, the control sheet comprises a control image comprising at least one control instruction;
locating the control sheet anywhere in the stack;
producing output based on the stack;
processing the control instruction and using the control instruction for processing the output.